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Chairman Pat Miller Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

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Dear Chairman Miller

RE: Local Interconnection Agreement – CTC-TN /CTC-VS & Global Connection

Enclosed for TRA approval are an original and 14 copies of an Agreement between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC d/b/a Frontier Communications of Tennessee, Citizens Telecommunications of the Volunteer State d/b/a Frontier Communications of the Volunteer State and Global Connection, Inc. of Tennessee. Also included is our Disaster Recovery Plan

A check for fifty dollars (\$50 00) to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

Please stamp as received the additional copy and return it in the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions, please call me at 304 325 1216.

Sincerely,

J Michael Swatts

State Government Affairs Director

**Enclosures** 

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# AGREEMENT FOR RESALE OF LOCAL SERVICE

#### between

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC

and

**Global Connection, Inc. of Tennessee** 

Dated: May 1, 2005

## AGREEMENT FOR LOCAL INTERCONNECTION

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ATTACHMENT 1 - RESALE OF LOCAL SERVICES

**ATTACHMENT 2 - PRICING** 

## AGREEMENT FOR LOCAL INTERCONNECTION

This Agreement For Local Interconnection ("Agreement") by and between, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee and Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC, a Delaware corporation, having its principal place of business at 180 South Clinton Avenue, Rochester, New York 14646 ("Citizens") and Global Connection Inc. of Tennessee, a Georgia corporation, having its principal place of business at 3957 Pleasantdale Road, Atlanta, GA 30340 ("Carrier"). Citizens and Carrier may also be referred to herein singularly as a "Party" or collectively as "the Parties".

#### SECTION 1. RECITALS AND PRINCIPLES

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Citizens is a telecommunications company authorized to provide telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee, and

Carrier is a telecommunications company authorized by the Commission to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee, and

The Parties have in good faith negotiated, and agreed on local interconnection terms and conditions as set forth below, and

In consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Carrier and Citizens hereby covenant and agree as follows

#### **SECTION 2. GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

Except as otherwise specified herein, the following definitions will apply to all sections contained in this Agreement Additional definitions that are specific to the matters covered in a particular section may appear in that section

- 2 1 Access Services is a service that connects interexchange Carriers to their customers located within a local access and transport area (LATA) Access service is used in originating and terminating intraLATA/interLATA toll telecommunications
- 2 2 Access Service Request (ASR) means the industry standard forms and supporting documentation used for ordering Access Services The ASR will be used to identify the specific trunking and facilities request for interconnection
  - 2 3 Act means the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended from time to time
- 2.4 <u>Automatic Number Identification</u> (ANI) refers to the number transmitted through the network identifying the calling party
- 2 5 <u>Competitive Local Exchange Carrier</u> means a telephone company certified by the Commission of Citizens franchised area to provide local exchange service within Citizens franchised area, and which has a Local Exchange Carrier Tariff approved by the applicable Commission

- 2 6 CLLI Codes means Common Language Location Indentifier Codes
- 2 7 <u>Commission</u> means the governing state regulatory commission, board or authority (PSC, PUC, etc.)
  - 2.8 DS1 is a digital signal rate of 1.544 Megabits per second ("Mbps")
  - 2 9 DS3 is a digital signal rate of 44 736 Mbps

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- 2 10 <u>Enhanced Services</u> shall refer to services, offered over common Carrier transmission facilities, which employ computer processing applications that act on the format, content, code, protocol or similar aspects of the subscriber's transmitted information, provide the subscriber additional, different, or restructured information, or involve subscriber interaction with stored information. Internet, information services, voicemail, and so-called "chat line" services are enhanced services
- 2 11 Exchange Message Interface (EMI) is the standard used for exchange of telecommunications message information between telecommunications providers for billable, non-billable, sample, settlement and study data EMI format is contained in ATIS/OBF-EMI-016, an Alliance of Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) document which, defines industry standards for exchange message records
  - 2 12 Interconnection in this Agreement is as defined in the Act
- 2 13 <u>Internet Service Provider (ISP) Bound Traffic</u> means traffic delivered by a Local Exchange Carrier to a provider of Internet Services
- 2 14 <u>Local Exchange Routing Guide</u> (LERG) is a Telcordia reference document used by Carriers to identify NPA-NXX routing and homing information as well as network element and equipment designations
- 2 15 <u>Local Traffic</u> shall refer to calls originated by one Party's End Users and terminated by the other Party's End Users within the Local Exchange area as defined in Citizens tariff's or an area where the Commission has approved Extended Area Service calling Local calls must be actually originated by and actually terminated to parties physically located within the same local calling area Local traffic will be based by the originating and terminating NPA-NXX of each call
- 2 16 <u>Local Service Provider Guide</u> (the "Guide") means the document provided to Carrier by Citizens, included by reference herein, which outlines the process and procedures for ordering and maintaining Carrier Services This document may be updated from time to time by Citizens This document is to be used as reference only and is not a part of this agreement
- 2 17 <u>Local Switched Access Service</u> means an offering of facilities for the purpose of the origination or termination of traffic from or to local exchange service customers in a given area pursuant to a switched access tariff
- 2 18 Meet-Point Billing (MPB) refers to a billing arrangement used when two telecommunications Carriers jointly provide a Switched Access Service over meet point trunks, with each Carrier receiving an appropriate share of the revenues. The access services will be billed using

Switched Access rate structures, and the Carriers will decide whether a single bill or multiple bill will be sent

- 2 19 <u>Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing</u> (MECAB) refers to the document prepared by the Billing Committee of the Ordering and Billing Forum ("OBF"), which functions under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee ("CLC") of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS") The MECAB document, published by ATIS/OBF-MECAB-006, contains the recommended guidelines for the billing of an access service provided by two or more LECs (including a LEC and a Carrier), or by one LEC, in two or more states within a single LATA
- 2 20 <u>Multiple Exchange Carriers Ordering and Design</u> (MECOD) Guidelines for Access Services Industry Support Interface, refers to the document developed by the Ordering/Provisioning Committee under auspices of the Ordering and Billing Forum ("OBF"), which functions under the auspices of the CLC of the ATIS The MECOD document, published as Special Report SR STS-002643, establishes recommended guidelines for processing orders for access service, which is to be provided by two or more LECs (including a LEC and a Carrier)
- 2.21 <u>Network Interface Device</u> (NID) is a device that connects the inside wire at the end user's customer premises to a telephone network
- 2 22 <u>Point of Interconnection</u> (POI) means the physical location(s) at which the Parties' networks meet for the purpose of exchanging local traffic
- 2 23 Rating Point is the V&H coordinates associated with a particular telephone number for rating purposes
  - 2 24 Reciprocal Compensation is as Described in the Act
- 2 25 <u>Wire Center</u> denotes a building or space within a building, which serves as an aggregation point on a given Carrier's network, where transmission facilities and circuits are connected or switched Wire Center can also denote a building in which one or more central offices, used for the provision of basic exchange services and access services, are located A wire center is the location of one or more local switching systems, a point at which end users' loops converge

#### SECTION 3. DEPOSIT and ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Citizens may, in order to safeguard its interest, require Carrier to make a deposit to be held by Citizens as a guarantee of the payment of rates and charges, unless satisfactory credit has already been established. Any such deposit may be held during the continuance of the service as security for the payment of any and all amounts accruing for the service.
  - 3 2 Such deposit may not exceed two (2) months' estimated billing
- 3 3 The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves Carrier from complying with Citizens regulations as to advance payments and the prompt payment of bills on presentation nor, does it constitute a waiver or modification of the regular practices of Citizens providing for the discontinuance of service for non-payment of any sums due Citizens
  - 3.4 Citizens reserves the right to increase the deposit requirements when, in its sole

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judgment, the conditions justify such action, such conditions include but are not limited to current deposit does not cover two (2) months billing, history of late payment, or reconnection after disconnection for non-payment

3 5 In the event that Carrier defaults on its account, service to Carrier will be terminated and any deposits held will be applied to its account

#### SECTION 4. COORDINATION OF TRANSFER OF SERVICE (EXCLUDING RESALE)

- A 1 Coordination of Transfer of Service To serve the public interest of end users, the Parties agree that, when an end user transfers service from one Party to the other Party, it is necessary for the Parties to coordinate the timing for disconnection from one Party and connection with the other Party so that transferring end users are not without service for any extended period of time. Other coordinated activities associated with transfer of service will be coordinated between the Parties to ensure quality services to the public.
- establish mutually acceptable, reasonable, and efficient transfer of service procedures that utilize the industry standard LSR format for the exchange of necessary information for coordination of service transfers between the Parties Citizens may describe some of these procedures in its Guide. Reference to Citizens Guide is for convenience of the Parties and is not intended to be a part of or to affect the meaning of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, provisions with respect to implementation of the cooperative coordination of transfer of service activities described in this Section. If any provision contained in this main body of the Agreement and Citizens Guide cannot be reasonably construed or interpreted to avoid conflict, the provision contained in this main body of this Agreement shall apply
- 4.3 <u>Coordinated Transfer of Service Activities</u> There will be no premium charges between the Parties or compensation provided by one Party to the other Party for the coordinated transfer of service activities between the hours of 8 00 a m and 5 00 p m. Citizens may charge Carrier for the coordinated transfer of service activities scheduled outside of the specified hours at the usual and customary hourly labor rates.
- Letter of Authorization (LOA) from each end user initiating transfer of service from one Party to the other Party. The Party obtaining the LOA from the end user will furnish it to the other Party upon request. The Party obtaining the LOA is required to maintain the original document, for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months from the date of signature. Such LOA may be a blanket LOA or other form agreed upon between Citizens and Carrier authorizing the release of such information to Carrier or, if state or federal law provides otherwise, in accordance with such law. Transmission of the LOA by facsimile is preferred in order to expedite order processing.
- If there is a conflict between an end user and Carrier regarding the disconnection or provision of services, Citizens will honor the latest dated Letter of Authorization—If the end user's service has not been disconnected and services have not yet been established, Carrier will be responsible to pay the applicable service order charge—If the end user's service has been disconnected and the end user's service is to be restored with Citizens, Carrier will be responsible to pay the

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applicable nonrecurring charges as set forth in Citizens applicable tariff to restore the end user's prior service with Citizens

- 4.6 <u>Transfer of Service Announcement</u> Where an end user changes service from one Party to the other Party and the end user does not retain his or her original telephone number, the Party formerly providing service to the end user will provide a transfer of service announcement, where available, on the vacated telephone number. This announcement will provide details regarding the new number that must be dialed to reach this end user. The service announcement will be provided, where available, by the Party formerly providing service to the extent and at the price specified in the applicable tariff
- with Change of Number Where an end user changes service from one Party to the other Party and the end user does not retain his or her original telephone number, the Party from which the end user is transferring will honor requests for disconnect and service announcement initiation, where available, from the Party to which the end user is transferring. The Party to which the end user is transferring service will provide to the other Party the end user's name, address, current telephone number, new telephone number, and date service should be transferred using the industry standard LSR format. The Party from which the end user is transferring will coordinate with the other Party the disconnect and service announcement initiation to coincide with the service transfer request date. The service announcement will be provided on the vacant number upon disconnect coinciding with the service transfer date. The Parties agree that the installation date will precede the disconnection date.
- Change of Number Where an end user changes service from one Party to the other Party and the end user retains his or her original telephone number(s), the Party from which the end user is transferring will honor requests for disconnect and local number portability from the Party to which the end user is transferring. The Party to which the end user is transferring will provide the other Party the end user's name, address, current telephone number, and the call forwarding number to which the telephone number should be forwarded (Interim Number Portability) or the Location Routing Number (LRN) for LNP, and date service should be transferred using the industry standard LSR format. With LNP, the Parties will coordinate the disconnect, connect, and number portability activities in accordance with the North American Numbering Council (NANC) flows
- 4 9 <u>Combined Transfer of Service Requests</u> Each Party will accept transfer of service requests from the other Party for one end user that includes multiple requests for transfers where the end user will retain one or more telephone numbers
- 4 10 <u>Bulk Requests for Transfer of Service</u> From time to time, either Party may benefit from the transfer of service for groups. The Parties agree to process bulk transfer of service requests for end users having the same billing account number.
- 4 11 Access to the Network Interface Device (NID) Each Party will allow the other Party access to the customer side of the NID consistent with FCC rules. The Party to which the end user is transferring service may move all inside wire from the other Party's existing NID to one provided by the Party to which the end user is transferring service. Where a NID is of the type which provides for customer access to one side of the NID, the Party to which the end user is transferring service may elect to remove the inside wire at the connection(s) within the customer side of the NID. Where a NID is of an older type not allowing access to the customer side of the NID, the Party to which the end user is transferring service must make a clean cut of the inside wire at the closest point to the NID.

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- 4 12 <u>Expedited Order Charge</u> Expedited order requests will be accepted where reasonable and practical but will be assessed an expedited order charge. The expedited order charges are listed in Attachment 6, Pricing
- 4 13 Service Date Modifications/ Customer Not Ready Carrier may request a change in due date prior to the originally scheduled due date without additional charges if the new service date is requested during normal business hours and no additional or alternate workforce is needed to complete the modification. Alternate workforce is required when an increase in the complexity of the service order results in a higher per hour rate. If the new service date is changed to an earlier date, than expedited order charges will apply. If the request for modification to the service date occurs within twenty-four (24) hours of the scheduled due date, Carrier will be subject to charges for work and labor-related expenses already completed. If the due date change is requested due to a class of service change, additional and/or alternate workforce may be required and associated charges will apply. These charges will apply on a per occurrence basis.

#### SECTION 5. AUDIT

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- 5 1 Subject to the terms and conditions of this Section, the restrictions set forth in Section 22 of the General Terms and Conditions and the reasonable security requirements of each Party and except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, each Party (the "Auditing Party") may audit the other Party's (the "Audited Party") books, records and other documents that relate solely to the Parties' billing to the other Party under this Agreement and to the identification of traffic subject to this Agreement, once each year at the conclusion of each calendar year, in order evaluate the accuracy of such other Party's billing and invoicing. The Parties may employ other persons or firms for this purpose Such audits shall take place at a time and place agreed to by the Parties no later than thirty (30) days after notice thereof to such other Party
- 5 2 Each Audited Party shall promptly correct any billing error that is revealed in an audit, including reimbursing any overpayment in the form of a credit to the Auditing Party on the invoice for the first full billing cycle after the Parties have agreed upon the accuracy of the audit results. Any disputes concerning audit results shall be resolved pursuant to the procedures described in Section 6 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.
- 5 3 Each Audited Party shall cooperate fully in any such audit, providing reasonable access to any such auditors, providing reasonable access to any and all appropriate employees and relevant books, records and other documents reasonably necessary to assess the accuracy of its bills
- 5 4 Each Auditing Party may perform a single additional audit of the Audited Party's relevant books, records and documents during any calendar year if the previous audit uncovered incorrect net variances or errors in invoices in favor of the Audited Party having an aggregate value of no less than five percent (5%) of the total amount payable by the Auditing Party during the period covered by the audit
  - 5.5 All audits shall be conducted at the sole cost and expense of the Auditing Party
- 5 6 Upon (i) the discovery by either Party of the overcharges not previously reimbursed to the other Party or (ii) the resolution of disputed audits, each Party shall promptly reimburse to the Party

thereto the amount of any overpayment together with interest thereon at a rate per month equal to the lesser of 1 5% or the maximum permitted legal rate of interest for the number of days from the latter of (1) the date the paying Party notifies the other Party of a specific bona fide dispute or claim of overcharges in writing, specifying the billing accounts and the specific charges in question, or (2) the date of the over-payment through but excluding the date such reimbursement is made. In no event, however, shall interest be assessed on any previously assessed or accrued late payment charges.

#### **SECTION 6. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

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The Parties agree that in the event of a default or any other dispute arising hereunder or in connection herewith, the aggrieved Party shall first discuss the default or dispute with the other Party and seek resolution prior to taking any action before any court or regulator or before authorizing any public statement about or disclosure of the nature of the dispute to any third party. Such conferences shall if necessary be escalated to the vice presidential level for each Party. In the event that the officers of the Parties shall be unable to resolve a default or other dispute, the Parties shall then submit the matter to the Commission for non-binding mediation. If mediation by the Commission is unsuccessful, recourse may be had by either Party to the Commission, if it has jurisdiction over the breach or dispute or to an appropriate court having jurisdiction over the Parties. Each Party shall bear the cost of preparing and presenting its case through all phases of the dispute resolution procedure herein described.

#### **SECTION 7. FORCE MAJEURE**

If the performance of the Agreement, or any obligation hereunder is prevented, restricted or interfered with by reason of any of the following

- 7 1 Fire, explosion, flood, earthquake, hurricane, cyclone, tornado, storm, epidemic, breakdown of plant or power failure,
  - 7 2 War, revolution, civil commotion, acts of public enemies, blockade or embargo,
- 7 3 Any law, order, proclamation, regulation, ordinance, demand or requirement of any government or any subdivision, authority, or representative of any such government,
  - 7.4 Labor difficulties, such as strikes, picketing or boycotts,
  - 7 5 Delays caused by other service or equipment vendors,
  - Any other circumstance beyond the reasonable control of the Party affected,

then the Party affected, upon giving prompt notice to the other Party, will be excused from such performance on a day-for-day basis to the extent of such prevention, restriction, or interference (and the other Party will likewise be excused from performance of its obligations on a performance so prevented, restricted or interfered with), provided that the Party so affected will use its best efforts to avoid or remove such causes of nonperformance and both Parties will proceed to perform with dispatch whenever such causes are removed or cease

#### SECTION 8. REGULATORY APPROVALS

- 8 1 This Agreement, and any amendment or modification hereof, will be submitted to the Commission for approval in accordance with Section 252 of the Act. In the event any governmental authority or agency of competent jurisdiction rejects any provision hereof, the Parties shall negotiate promptly and in good faith such revisions as may reasonably be required to achieve approval
- In the event the FCC or the Commission promulgates rules or regulations, rates or issues orders, or a court with appropriate jurisdiction issues orders, which make unlawful any provision of this Agreement, the Parties shall negotiate promptly and in good faith in order to amend the Agreement to substitute contract provisions which are consistent with such rules, regulations or orders In the event the Parties cannot agree on an amendment within thirty (30) days from the date any such rules, regulations or orders become effective, then the Parties shall resolve their dispute under the applicable procedures set forth in Section 6 (Dispute Resolution) hereof
- The Parties acknowledge that any terms of this Agreement were established pursuant to FCC and Commission orders. Any or all of the terms of this Agreement may be altered or abrogated by a successful challenge to the FCCs and Commission's decisions related to the Agreement as permitted by Applicable Law. By signing this Agreement, the Parties do not waive their right to pursue such a challenge.

#### SECTION 9. DIRECTORY LISTINGS AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

- 9 1 Carrier agrees to provide to Citizens or its publisher, as specified by Citizens, all subscriber list information (including additions, changes and deletions) for its customers and those of any resellers of Carrier services, located within Citizens operating areas. It is the responsibility of the Carrier to submit directory listings in the prescribed manner to Citizens prior to the directory listing publication cut-off date, which is posted at <a href="https://www.frontieronline.com">www.frontieronline.com</a> under Carrier Services then Directory Services
- 9 2 Citizens will include Carrier's End User primary listings in the appropriate sections of its telephone directories (residence and business listings) as well as in any electronic directories in which Citizens own End Users are ordinarily included Listings of Carrier's End Users will be interfiled with listings of Citizens Customers and the Customers of other LECs, in the local section of Citizens directories
- 9 3 Carrier will identify any of these subscribers that are "non-published" customers Carrier will provide Citizens with the directory information for all its End Users in the format specified in the Citizens Guide Subscriber list information will include customer name, address, telephone number, appropriate classified heading and all other pertinent data elements as requested by Citizens including ACNA/CIC or CLCC/OCN, as appropriate with each order, to enable Citizens the ability to identify listing ownership Carrier will provide all subscriber listings at no charge to Citizens or its publisher
- 9 4 Carrier 's End Users' standard primary listing information in the telephone directories will be provided at no charge. Carrier will pay Citizens tariffed charges for additional and foreign white page listings.
- 9 5 Both Parties will use their best efforts to ensure the accurate listing of Carrier 's End User listings Carrier is responsible for all listing questions and contacts with its customers including but

not limited to queries, complaints, account maintenance, privacy requirements and services. Carrier will provide Citizens with appropriate internal contact information to fulfill these requirements.

- 9 6 Citizens will accord Carrier directory listing information the same level of confidentiality, which Citizens accords its own directory listing information. Carrier grants Citizens full authority to provide Carrier subscriber listings, excluding non-published telephone numbers, to other directory publishers and releases Citizens and its publisher from any liability resulting from the provisioning of such listings. In exchange for Citizens providing this subscriber list service, Citizens will charge, bill, collect and retain any monies derived from the sale of Carrier listings to other directory publishers.
- 9 7 Citizens will distribute its telephone directories to Carrier 's End Users in a manner similar to the way it provides those functions for its own end users. Citizens shall facilitate the distribution of listings in the book form ("Telephone Directories") to Carrier end users that are located in the area served by Citizens. For Carrier end users whose listings are not maintained in a Citizens database, Carrier shall provide the information needed for the distribution of listings in book form to such customers.
  - 9 7.1 Carrier is responsible for sending to Citizens at the posted date an approximate directory count for its end users for the purpose of ensuring an adequate quantity is printed
  - 9 7 2 Carrier is responsible for providing information that includes distribution address and book quantities to Citizens Citizens will place the same restrictions on the Carrier's end users as it does for itself when assigning book quantities
- Carrier will adhere to all practices, standards, and ethical requirements of Citizens with regard to listings, and, by providing Citizens with listing information, warrants to Citizens that Carrier has the right to place such listings on behalf of its End Users. Carrier agrees that it will undertake commercially practicable and reasonable steps to attempt to ensure that any business or person, to be listed, is authorized and has the right to provide the product or service offered, and to use any personal or corporate name, trade name, or language used in the listing. Carrier shall be solely responsible for knowing and adhering to state laws or rulings regarding listing information and for supplying Citizens with applicable listing information. In addition, Carrier agrees to release, defend, hold harmless and indemnify Citizens from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, suits, or other actions, or any liability whatsoever, suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any person arising out of Citizens listing of the information provided by Carrier hereunder.
- 9 9 Citizens liability to Carrier in the event of a Citizens error in or omission of a listing will not exceed the amount of charges actually paid by Carrier for such listing. In addition, Carrier agrees to take, with respect to its own End Users, all reasonable steps to ensure that its' and Citizens liability to Carrier 's End Users in the event of a Citizens error in or omission of a listing will be subject to the same limitations that Citizens liability to its own End Users are subject to

#### **SECTION 10. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding and supersedes prior agreements between the Parties relating to the subject matter contained herein and merges all prior discussions between them, and neither Party will be bound by any definition, condition, provision, representation, warranty, covenant or promise other than as expressly stated in this Agreement or as is contemporaneously or subsequently set forth in writing and executed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the Party to be bound thereby

#### **SECTION 11. TERM OF AGREEMENT**

- 11 1 This Agreement will become effective upon the first business day following the date this Agreement has been approved by the applicable regulatory authority or authorities and will continue for a period of one (1) year unless terminated earlier under the conditions set forth in this Section. This Agreement will be automatically renewed for successive periods of one (1) year after the initial term unless either Party provides the other Party with no less than ninety (90) day's prior, written notification of, in the case of Citizens, its intent to terminate this Agreement, or, in the case of either Party, its desire to renegotiate at the end of the initial or any successive period. During any such renegotiation, the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement will remain in effect until the effective date of the renegotiated agreement.
- 11.2 In the event of breach of any material provision of this Agreement by either Party, the non breaching Party shall give the other Party written notice thereof, and
  - 11 2 1 If such material breach is for non-payment of amounts due hereunder, the breaching Party shall cure such breach within thirty (30) days of receiving such notice. The non-breaching Party shall be entitled to pursue all available legal and equitable remedies for such breach. Amounts disputed in good faith and withheld or set off shall not be deemed "amounts due hereunder" for the purpose of this provision. Neither Party shall withhold or set off undisputed amounts.

In addition, if such material breach is for non-payment of amounts due hereunder and such amounts have not been disputed, the non-breaching Party may

- (1) refuse additional applications for any service provided under this Agreement,
- (2) refuse to complete any pending orders for the Affected Services any time thereafter, and/or,
- (3) on thirty (30) days' written notice by overnight delivery or certified U S mail, with a copy to the Tennessee (Commission), to the person designated to receive such notice, discontinue the provision of existing Affected Services at any time thereafter

If the non-breaching Party does not refuse additional applications for the Affected Services, and the non-payment continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the non-breaching Party from refusing additional applications for the Affected Services without further notice. If the non-breaching Party discontinues provision of the Affected Services, all applicable charges, including termination charges, shall become due. If the non-breaching Party does not discontinue the provision of the Affected Services on the date specified in the thirty (30) days notice, and the nonpayment continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the non-breaching Party from discontinuing the provision of the Affected Services without further notice.

Citizens reserves the right to refuse an application for an Affected Service made by any entity that owns or is substantially owned, directly or indirectly, by or is under common

control with, Carrier, so long as Carrier or any such entity is indebted to Citizens for the Affected Services previously furnished, until the indebtedness is satisfied. In the event that Affected Services are provided to Carrier or an entity that owns or is substantially owned, directly or indirectly, by or is under common control with, Carrier, such services may be terminated by Citizens unless Carrier satisfies the indebtedness relating to the Affected Services within thirty (30) days after written notification. Such notification shall be made by certified U. S. mail to the person designated by Carrier to receive such notices. Copies of such notice shall be mailed to the Tennessee (Commission), concurrently with the mailing to Carrier.

- 11 3 2 If such material breach is for any failure to perform in accordance with this Agreement, which, in the sole judgment of the non-breaching Party, adversely affects the non-breaching Party's subscribers, the non-breaching Party shall give notice of the breach and the breaching Party shall cure such breach within a period of time equivalent to the applicable interval required by this Agreement, and if breaching Party does not, the non-breaching Party may, at its sole option, terminate this Agreement The non-breaching Party shall be entitled to pursue all available legal and equitable remedies for such breach
- 11.4 Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement each Party shall promptly pay all amounts (including any late payment charges) owed under this Agreement

#### **SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Agreement will become effective upon approval by the State Commission

#### **SECTION 13. AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT**

No provision of this Agreement shall be deemed waived, amended or modified by either Party unless such a waiver, amendment or modification is in writing, dated, and signed by both Parties

#### **SECTION 14. WAIVERS**

- 14.1 No waiver of any provisions of this Agreement and no consent to any default under this Agreement shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and properly executed by or on behalf of the Party against whom such waiver or consent is claimed
- 14.2 No course of dealing or failure of any Party to strictly enforce any term, right, or condition of this Agreement in any instance shall be construed as a general waiver or relinquishment of such term, right or condition
- 14.3 Waiver by either Party of any default by the other Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other default

14.4 By entering into this Agreement, neither Party waives any right granted to it pursuant to the Act

#### SECTION 15. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

Each Party agrees that it will perform its obligations hereunder as an independent contractor and not as the agent, employee, or servant of the other Party. Neither Party nor any personnel furnished by such Party will be deemed an employee or agent of the other Party nor be entitled to any benefits available under any plans for such other Party's employees. Each Party will at all times during the term of this Agreement retain full control of the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of all employees as is consistent with and necessary to preserve its independent contractor status. Each Party will be solely responsible for all matters relating to payment of its employees including compliance with social security taxes, withholding taxes, worker's compensation, disability and unemployment insurance, and all other regulations governing such matters.

#### **SECTION 16. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, NEITHER PARTY WILL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OR USE OF SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT NEITHER PARTY WILL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR ANY LOSS, COST, CLAIM, INJURY, LIABILITY OR EXPENSE, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES, RELATING TO OR ARISING OUT OF ANY ORDINARY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION BY A PARTY IN NO EVENT WILL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF PROFITS, INCOME OR REVENUE, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY THEREOF, WHETHER SUCH DAMAGES ARISE OUT OF BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF WARRANTY, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY, OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF LIABILITY AND WHETHER SUCH DAMAGES WERE FORESEEABLE OR NOT AT THE TIME THIS AGREEMENT WAS EXECUTED

#### **SECTION 17. INDEMNITY**

- 17 1 Each Party will indemnify and hold the other harmless from any liabilities, claims or demands(including the costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees on account thereof) that may be made by third parties for (a) personal injuries, including death, or (b) damage to tangible property resulting from the sole negligence and/or sole willful misconduct of that Party, it employees or agents in the performance of this Agreement Each Party will defend the other at the other's request against any such liability, claim, or demand Each Party will notify the other promptly of written claims or demands against such Party of which the other Party is solely responsible hereunder
- 17 2 The Indemnified Party will notify the Indemnifying Party promptly in writing of any claims, lawsuits, or demands by third Parties for which the Indemnified Party alleges that the Indemnifying Party is responsible under this Section and if requested by the Indemnifying Party, shall tender the defense of such claim, lawsuit or demand
  - (1) In the event the Indemnifying Party does not promptly assume or diligently pursue the defense of the tendered action, then the Indemnified Party may proceed to defend or settle said action and the Indemnifying Party shall hold harmless the Indemnified Party from any loss, cost, liability, damage and expense

- (2) In the event the Party otherwise entitled to indemnification from the other elects to decline such indemnification, then the Party making such an election may, at its own expense, assume defense and settlement of the claim, lawsuit or demand
- (3) The Parties will cooperate in every reasonable manner with the defense or settlement of any claim, demand, or lawsuit
- 17 3 No liability shall attach to either Party, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants or employees for damages arising from errors, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, or delays in the course of establishing, furnishing, rearranging, moving, termination, changing, or providing or failing to provide services or facilities (including the obtaining or furnishing of information with respect thereof or with respect to users of the services or facilities) in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, Carrier shall defend and indemnify Citizens and shall hold Citizens harmless from and against any and all loss alleged to have been incurred by a customer of Carrier or any other third party to the extent such loss arises or is attributable to Carrier's performance or failure to perform

#### **SECTION 18. ASSIGNMENT**

Any assignment or delegation by either Party to any non-Affiliated entity or to any Affiliated entity that is not certificated as a local exchange Carrier of any right, obligation or duty, or of any other interest hereunder, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the other Party shall be void. A Party assigning or delegating this Agreement or any right, obligation, duty or other interest hereunder to an Affiliate that is certificated as a local exchange Carrier shall provide written notice to the other Party. All obligations and duties of any Party under this Agreement shall be binding on all successors in interest and assigns of such Party. No assignment or delegation hereof shall relieve the assignor of its obligations under this Agreement.

#### SECTION 19. CONTROLLING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Act, the FCC's Rules and Regulations, and the Tennessee (Commission) Rules and Regulations, except insofar as state law may control any aspect of this Agreement, in which case the domestic laws of the State Tennessee, without regard to its conflicts of laws principles, shall govern

#### **SECTION 20. SEVERABILITY**

Subject to Section 8 - Regulatory Approvals, if any part of this Agreement is held to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity will affect only the portion of this Agreement which is invalid. In all other respects

this Agreement will stand as if such invalid provision had not been a part thereof, and the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect

#### **SECTION 21. CHARGES AND PAYMENTS**

21 1 In consideration of the services provided by Citizens under this Agreement, Carrier shall pay the charges set forth in this Agreement and in applicable tariffs. In consideration of the services provided by Carrier under this Agreement, Citizens shall pay the charges set forth in this Agreement Invoices with charges set forth in this Agreement and in applicable tariffs shall be sent to

To Carrier

Global Connection Inc of Tennessee Attn Bassam Abdallah 3957 Pleasantdale Road Atlanta, GA 30340

To Citizens

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee L L C Attention Jeff Wiebers - Access Verification 14500 Burnhaven Dr Suite 193 Burnsville, MN 55306 Telephone (952) 435-1338

21 2 A monthly billing statement with a consistent, regular bill date shall be prepared by both Parties and will reflect the calculation of (i) reciprocal compensation due each Party and (ii) transit service compensation due Citizens, and (iii) any other tariffed or contracted service due each Party. All bills dated as set forth above will be due thirty (30) days after the bill date or by the next bill date (i e, the same date in the following month as the bill date), whichever is the shortest interval, except as provided herein, and are payable in immediately available funds. If such payment date would cause payment to be due on a Saturday, Sunday or Legal Holiday, payment for such bills will be due on the last business day preceding the Saturday, Sunday or Legal Holiday. If such bills are not received at least twenty (20) days prior to the payment due date, then the bill(s) shall be considered delayed. When a bill has been delayed, the due date will be extended by the number of days the bill was delayed, upon request of the receiving Party

- 21 2 1 Parties will compensate each other on verifiable records of actual usage
- 21 3 Billing The Parties agree that disputed and undisputed amounts due under this Agreement shall be handled as follows
  - 21 3 1 If any portion of an amount due to a Party (the "Billing Party") under this Agreement is subject to a bona fide dispute between the Parties, the Party billed (the Billed Party) shall within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the invoice containing such a disputed amount give written notice to the Billing Party of the amount it disputes ("Disputed Amounts") and include in such notice the specific details and reasons

for disputing each item. The Billed Party shall pay when due all undisputed amounts to the Billing Party, and shall include a copy of the dispute with the payment of the undisputed amount.

- 21 3 2 In the event that a billing dispute is resolved in favor of the Billed Party, any payment of the disputed amount withheld pending settlement of the dispute shall not be subject to the late payment penalty
- 21.3 3 In the event that a billing dispute is resolved in favor of the Billing Party, any payments withheld pending settlement of the dispute will be subject to the late payment penalty set forth in 21 3 4 following
- 21 3 4 Undisputed amounts shall be paid when due as set forth in Section 21 2 above If any portion of the payment is received by the Billing Party in funds that are not immediately available to the Billing Party, a late payment penalty shall be due to the Billing Party. The late payment penalty shall be 1 5% per month or 18% annually, or the maximum allowed by law, whichever is less
- 21 4 Both Parties shall use the Dispute Resolutions procedures as described in Section 6
- 21.5 In consideration of the services provided under this Agreement, the Parties shall pay the charges set forth in this Agreement and applicable tariffs. Any service provided, that is not identified in agreement will be governed by applicable tariffs.

#### **SECTION 22. DEFAULT**

If either Party believes the other is in breach of this Agreement or otherwise in violation of law, it will first give sixty (60) days notice of such breach or violation and an opportunity for the allegedly defaulting Party to cure Thereafter, the Parties will employ the dispute resolution procedures set forth in this Agreement

#### SECTION 23. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PUBLICITY

- 23.1 All proprietary or confidential information ("Proprietary Information") disclosed by either Party during the negotiations and the term of this Agreement will be protected by both Parties in accordance with the terms of this Section 23
- 23.2 As used in this Agreement, the term "Proprietary Information" will mean written, recorded, machine readable or other information provided in tangible form to one Party by the other Party regarding the above referenced subject matter and which is marked proprietary or confidential with the appropriate owner corporation name, e.g., "Citizens Proprietary". Information disclosed orally will not be considered proprietary unless such information is reduced to writing by the disclosing Party and a copy is delivered to the other Party within thirty (30) business days after such oral disclosure. The writing will also state the place, date and person(s) to whom disclosure was made.
- 23.3 Each Party agrees that it will not disclose any Proprietary Information of the other Party in whole or in part, including derivations, to any third party for a period of three (3) years from the date of

disclosure unless the Parties agree to modify this Agreement to provide for a different nondisclosure period for specific materials. Neither Party will be liable for inadvertent or accidental disclosure of Proprietary Information of the other Party provided that

- 23 3 1 each Party uses at least the same degree of care in safeguarding such Proprietary Information as it uses for its own proprietary information of like importance, and such degree of care will be reasonably calculated to prevent such inadvertent disclosure,
- 23 3 2 It limits access to such Proprietary Information to its employees and agents who are directly involved in the consideration of the Proprietary Information and informs its employees and agents who have access to such Proprietary Information of its duty not to disclose, and
- 23 3 3 upon discovery of any such inadvertent disclosure of Proprietary Information, it will endeavor to prevent any further inadvertent disclosure
- 23 4 Information will not be deemed proprietary and the receiving Party will have no obligation with respect to any such information which
  - 23 4 1 is or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act, fault or negligence of the receiving Party, or
  - 23 4 2 was known by the receiving Party or by any other affiliate or subsidiary of the receiving Party prior to disclosure, or is at any time developed by the receiving Party independently of any such disclosure, or
  - 23 4 3 was disclosed to the receiving Party by a third party who was free of obligations of confidentiality to the disclosing Party, or
  - 23 4 4 is disclosed or used by the receiving Party, not less than three (3) years following its initial disclosure or such other nondisclosure period as may be agreed in writing by the Parties, or
    - 23 4 5 is approved for release by written authorization of the disclosing Party, or
  - 23 4 6 is disclosed pursuant to a requirement or request of a governmental agency or disclosure is required by operation of law, or
  - $23\,4\,7\,$  is furnished to a third party by the disclosing Party without a similar restriction on the third party's rights
- 23.5 Since either Party may choose not to use or announce any services, products or marketing techniques relating to these discussions or information gained or exchanged during the discussions, both Parties acknowledge that one is not responsible or liable for any business decisions made by the other in reliance upon any disclosures made during any meeting between the Parties or in reliance on any results of the discussions. The furnishing of Proprietary Information to one Party by the other Party will not obligate either Party to enter into any further agreement or negotiation with the other

- 23 6 Nothing contained in this Agreement will be construed as granting to one Party a license, either express or implied, under any patent, copyright, or trademark, now or hereafter owned, obtained, controlled, or which is or may be licensable by the other Party
- 23 7 All publicity regarding this Agreement and its Attachments is subject to the Parties' prior written consent
- 23 8 Unless otherwise agreed upon, neither Party will publish or use the other Party's name, language, pictures, or symbols from which the other Party's name may be reasonably inferred or implied in any advertising, promotion, or any other publicity matter relating directly or indirectly to this Agreement

#### **SECTION 24. NO RIGHTS TO THIRD PARTIES**

This Agreement will not provide any third party, including, but not limited to any End User customer of Carrier, with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action, or other right in excess of those existing without reference to this Agreement

#### **SECTION 25. HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for convenience and will not be construed to define or limit any of the terms herein or affect the meanings or interpretation of this Agreement

#### SECTION 26. EXECUTION IN DUPLICATE

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts Each counterpart shall be considered an original and such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument

#### **SECTION 27. NOTICES**

Except as otherwise provided herein, all notices or other communication hereunder shall be deemed to have been duly given when made in writing and delivered in person or deposited in the United States mail, certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or delivered by prepaid overnight express mail, and addressed as follows

To Carrier

Global Connection Inc of Tennessee Attn Bassam Abdallah 3957 Pleasantdale Road Atlanta, GA 30340 (678) 966-8507

To Citizens

CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee L L C
Attn Kim Czak – Director Carrier Services
180 South Clinton Avenue
Rochester, New York 14646

Telephone (585) 777-7124

With copy to

Frontier, A Citizens Communications Company Attn Gregg Sayre, Associate General Counsel 180 S Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Rochester, NY 14646

And

Frontier, A Citizens Communications Company Attn Julie Thompson 14450 Burnhaven Drive Burnsville, MN 55306

Global Connection Inc. of Tennessee

If personal delivery is selected to give notice, a receipt of such delivery shall be obtained. The address to which notices or communications may be given to either Party may be changed by written notice given by such Party to the other pursuant to this Section 27

The Parties have caused this Local Interconnection Agreement to be executed on their behalf on the dates set forth below

COMPANY OF TENNESSEE LLC
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY OF THE VOLUNTEER STATE
LLC

By Boy Richard Burson

Typed Richard Burson

Title SVP Revenue Assurance REP

Date 05/01/25

Date 5-20-05

# ATTACHMENT 1 RESALE OF LOCAL SERVICES

#### ATTACHMENT 1 - Resale of Local Services

#### Section 1. DEFINITIONS

- 1 1 End User Of Record means the entity responsible for placing orders or requests for service, requesting additions, rearrangements, maintenance or discontinuance of service, and making payment in full of charges incurred such as toll, directory assistance, etc
- 1 2 <u>End User</u> means the ultimate user of the telecommunications services being resold by Carrier "End User" will mean an end user customer within Citizens operating area, which is presently an End User of Citizens
- 1 3 End User Customer Location means the physical location of the premises where an End User makes use of the telecommunications services
- 1 4 Resale means an activity wherein a certified Carrier, such as Reseller, subscribes to the retail telecommunications services of Citizens and then re-offers those telecommunications services to the public under its own company name

#### SECTION 2. SERVICE TO END USERS

- 2 1 Carrier will be the End User of Record for all services purchased from Citizens Except as otherwise specified herein, Citizens will only take orders from, bill and expect payment from Carrier for all services Carrier will be Citizens single point of contact for all services purchased pursuant to this Attachment
- 2.2 Citizens will continue to bill the End User for any services that the End User specifies it wishes to receive directly from Citizens
- 2 3 Citizens maintains the right to serve directly any End User within Citizens serving area, that requests such service. Citizens will continue to directly market its own telecommunications products and services and in doing so may establish independent relationships with End Users of Carrier
- 2.4 Neither Party will interfere with the right of any person or entity to obtain service directly from the other Party
- Telephone numbers associated with Citizens retail telecommunication services offered for resale are assigned to the service furnished. Carrier has no property right to the telephone number or any other call number designation associated with services furnished by Citizens, and no right to the continuance of service through any particular central office. Citizens reserves the right to change such numbers, or the central office designation associated with such numbers, or both, consistent with telephone number conservation and administrative practices, such as NPA splits, generally prevailing in the local exchange telecommunications industry.
- 2 6 Service is furnished subject to the condition that it will not be used for any unlawful purpose
  - 2.7 Service will be discontinued by Citizens if any law enforcement agency advises that the

service is being used in violation of the law

- 2.8 Citizens may refuse to provide service to Carrier when it has reasonable grounds to believe that service will be used in violation of the law
- 2 9 Carrier may purchase resale services from Citizens for its own use in operating its business

Provided however it must actually provide service primarily to end users other than itself or affiliated companies

#### SECTION 3. CITIZENS PROVISION OF SERVICES TO CARRIER

- 3 1 Carrier agrees that its resale of Citizens services will be as follows
- 3 1 1 The telecommunications services available at a wholesale discount for resale by Carrier will be limited to End User services and uses conforming to the class of service restrictions in Citizens Local Exchange Service Tariff in the Requested State and pursuant to all rules and regulations related to the provision of local exchange services promulgated by the applicable Commission
- 3 1 2 If telephone service is established and it is subsequently determined that the class of service restriction has been violated, Carrier will be notified and billing for that service will be retroactively changed to the appropriate class of service. Service charges for changes between class of service, back billing, and interest as described in this subsection will apply at Citizens sole discretion. Interest will apply at the rate of 1.5% per month or 18% annually, or the maximum allowed by law, whichever is less, compounded daily for the number of days from the back billing date to and including the date that Carrier actually makes the payment to Citizens may be assessed.
- Resold services can only be used in the same manner as specified in Citizens Tariff filed in the Requested State Resold services are subject to the same terms and conditions as are specified for such services when furnished to an individual End User of Citizens in the appropriate section of Citizens Tariff Specific Tariff features, e.g., a usage allowance per month, will not be aggregated across multiple resold services. Resold services cannot be used to aggregate traffic from more than one end user customer.
- 3 3 Carrier may resell Citizens services only within the specific Citizens service area as defined in Citizens Tariff
- 3 4 Telephone numbers transmitted via any resold service feature are intended solely for the use of the End User of the feature Resale of this information is prohibited
- 3 5 Law enforcement agency subpoenas and court orders regarding End Users of Carrier will be directed to Carrier Citizens will bill Carrier for implementing any requests by law enforcement agencies regarding Carrier End Users Citizens will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies with subpoenas and court orders for assistance with Carrier's End Users

- 3 6 Carrier may resell the tariffed retail local exchange services of Citizens subject to the terms and conditions specifically set forth herein and as described in Attachment 2, Section 2 2 attached hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following are not available for purchase grandfathered services, promotional and trial retail service offerings of less than ninety (90) days duration, lifeline and linkup services, contract service arrangements, installment billing options, 911 and E911 services, interconnection services, legislatively or administratively mandated specialized discounts (e.g., educational institution discount) and discounted services to meet competitive situations.
- 3 7 White page directory listings will be provided in accordance with regulations set forth in Citizens Local Exchange Service Tariff
- 3 8 Carrier agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Guide, which is incorporated by reference herein
- Citizens takes no responsibility, will not investigate, and will make no adjustments to Carrier's account in cases of fraud unless such fraud is the result of an intentional misconduct or gross negligence of Citizens Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Citizens becomes aware of potential fraud with respect to Carrier's accounts, Citizens will promptly inform Carrier and, at the direction of Carrier, take reasonable action to mitigate the fraud where such action is possible. Further, notwithstanding the foregoing, if Carrier orders a resold line to be equipped with toll blocking, and Citizens fails to so equip the line, Citizens will not require Carrier to pay for intraLATA toll billed to that resold line after the due date of the order and prior to toll blocking being placed on the line. However, Carrier remains liable for intraLATA toll calls if the resold line is equipped with toll blocking by Citizens and an End User bypasses a blocking arrangement and makes toll calls by some other means.

#### **SECTION 4. MAINTENANCE OF SERVICES**

- 4.1 Services resold by Citizens will be maintained by Citizens, up to and including the Network Interface Device
- 4.2 Carrier or its End Users may not rearrange, move, disconnect, remove or attempt to repair any facilities owned by Citizens, other than by connection or disconnection to any interface means used
- 4 3 Carrier accepts responsibility to notify Citizens of situations that arise which may result in a service problem
- 4 4 Carrier will be the single point of contact for all repair calls on behalf of Carrier's End Users
- 4 5 Carrier will contact the appropriate repair centers in accordance with procedures established by Citizens
- 4 6 For all repair requests, Carrier accepts responsibility for adhering to Citizens prescreening guidelines prior to referring the trouble to Citizens
- 4 7 Citizens will bill Carrier for handling troubles that are found not to be in Citizens network Global Connection Resale Agreement Page 3

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4.8 Citizens reserves the right to contact Carrier's End User if deemed necessary, for maintenance purposes in an emergency or as a result of a service call which Carrier may initiate

#### SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE

- 5.1 Carrier must provide the appropriate Citizens representative the necessary documentation to enable Citizens to establish a master account for Carrier Such documentation will include a completed Carrier Master Account Questionnaire, proof of authority to provide resold telecommunications services within Citizens territory, proof that tariffs are on file and approved by the applicable Commission, and a tax exemption certificate, if applicable Citizens will begin taking orders for the resale of service after the necessary documents have been provided to Citizens, necessary deposit requirements are met, and this Attachment has been approved by the appropriate Commission
- 5 2 Service orders and preorders will be in a standard format designated by Citizens Service order fees will apply as set forth in Citizens Tariff
- 5 3 When notification is received from Carrier that a current End User of Citizens will subscribe to Carrier's service, standard service order intervals for the appropriate class of service will apply
- 5 4 When an existing End User of Citizens switches to Carrier, Carrier must provide Citizens with the end user line numbers and applicable feature detail, as set forth in the Guide
- 5 5 Carrier will be the single point of contact with Citizens for all subsequent ordering activity resulting in additions or changes to resold services except that Citizens will accept a request directly from the End User for conversion of the End User's service from Carrier to Citizens or will accept a request from another Carrier for conversion of the End User's service from the Carrier to the other Carrier Citizens will notify Carrier that such a request has been processed
- 5 6 If Citizens determines that an unauthorized change in local service to an End User has occurred, Citizens will reestablish service with the appropriate local service provider and will assess Carrier if it is the Carrier initiating the unauthorized change, an unauthorized change charge of \$100 per occurrence, per line

#### SECTION 6. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE TO END USER

The procedures for temporarily denying or permanently disconnecting service to an End User are as follows

- 6.1 Citizens will temporarily deny service to Carrier's End User on behalf of, and at the request of Carrier Upon restoration of the End User's service, restoral charges will apply and will be charged to the master account of Carrier
- All requests by Carrier for temporary denial, restoration, or permanent disconnection of an End User for nonpayment must be in writing and must be on, or accompanied by, the appropriate ordering form Carrier is responsible for compliance with regulatory requirements for termination and Global Connection Resale Agreement

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temporary disconnection of service to End User(s)

- Carrier will be made solely responsible for notifying the End User, in advance, of the proposed temporary denial or permanent disconnection of the service
- 64 Citizens will advise Carrier when it is determined that annoyance calls are originated from one of their End User's locations Citizens will be indemnified, defended and held harmless by Carrier and/or the End User against any claim, loss, or damage arising from providing this information to Carrier It is the responsibility of Carrier to take the corrective action necessary with its End Users who make annoying calls Failure to do so will result in Citizens disconnecting the End User's service

#### SECTION 7. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE TO CARRIER

The procedures for discontinuing service to Carrier are as follows

- 7 1 Citizens reserves the right to suspend or terminate service for nonpayment, or in the event of prohibited, unlawful or improper use of the facilities or service, abuse of the facilities, or any other violation or noncompliance by Carrier of the rules and regulations of Citizens Tariff, or this Attachment.
- 72 If payment of account is not received by the Due Date, Citizens may provide written notice to Carrier, that the payment is overdue and that additional applications for service will be refused and that any pending orders for service will not be completed if payment is not received by the fifteenth day following the date of the notice Nothing contained herein will preclude Citizens right to refuse additional applications for service without further notice Late payment fees as set forth in Section 21 will also apply Notification costs will be charged to the Carrier
- If payment of account or formal notice of billing dispute as set forth in Section 21. Charges and Payments, is not received, or arrangements made, within thirty (30) days after the Due Date, the account will be considered in default and will be subject to denial, or disconnection, or both
- 74 If Carrier fails to comply with the provisions of this Attachment, including any payments to be made by it on the dates and times herein specified, Citizens will provide thirty (30) days written notice of such noncompliance If Carrier does not cure such noncompliance, Citizens may discontinue the provision of all existing services to Carrier at any time thereafter and Carrier will be obligated to notify its End Users that service will be discontinued In the case of such discontinuance, all billed charges, as well as applicable termination charges, will become due If Citizens does not discontinue the provision of the services involved on the date specified in the thirty (30) days notice, and Carrier's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein will preclude Citizens right to discontinue the provision of the services to Carrier without further notice
- 75 If payment is not received or arrangements made for payment by the date given in the written notification, Carrier's services will be discontinued. Citizens will reestablish service at the request of Carrier upon payment of all amounts due and the appropriate connection fee and subject to Citizens 's normal application procedures
- 76 Where Carrier discontinues its provision of service to all or substantially all of its End Users, the Carrier must send advance written notice of such discontinuance to Citizens and to each of the Carrier's End Users Such notice must include a verification that the Carrier has notified its End Users of

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the discontinuance, and must state the date on which such end user notice was mailed. If the End User fails to make other arrangements within fifteen (15) days of the date of notice provided by the Carrier, Citizens will continue to serve the End User at its retail rates.

# ATTACHMENT 2 PRICING

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#### Attachment 2 - PRICING

#### 2.1 RESALE Charges

#### 2 1 1. Nonrecurring Charges

A nonrecurring charge will apply when converting a Citizens account to a Carrier account or when changing an end user from one Carrier to another. The nonrecurring charge is discounted by 12% from Citizens rate for Records only Service Ordering Charges.

- 2 1 2 Basic Residential Line Service and Basic Business Line Service and Public Access Line Service will be discounted at 12% Except as qualified in Attachment 2 Resale, Section 2 2
- 2 1 3. The following services are available for resale under this Attachment but are not included in the wholesale pricing reflected above

#### **Private Line Used for Special Access**

- 2.2 Services not available for Resale
  - a) Calling Card
  - b) Employee Concessions Services
  - c) Promotional offers less than 90 days
  - d) Grandfathered Services
  - e) LifeLine Services
  - f) Inside Wire
  - g) Enhanced Services
  - h) Customer Premises Equipment

#### 2.3 Supplemental PON Charges

2 3 1 A supplement is any new iteration of a local service request

Supplement # 1

Cancel - Indicates that the pending order is to be canceled in its entirety

Charge - \$14 38

Supplement # 2

**New desired due date** - Indicates that the pending order requires only a change of desired due date

Supplement #3

Other - Any other change to the request

Supp 2 & 3 Charges are as follows

Order Type	Residence	Business	Residence	Business	Residence	Business
	Resale	Resale	Porting	Porting	ULL/UNE	ULL/UNE
Charge Per	\$11 01	\$17 83	\$11 01	\$17 83	\$8 86	\$14 34
Order						

<sup>\*</sup>Expedite Charge will be applied (\$35 20 per order) for any Portings stopped on the DD & subsequently reappointed with a new Due Date

#### 2.4 OTHER MISCELLENEOUS CHARGES:

2 4 1 <u>Expedite Charge</u> - Any work requested before the next available due date or before the standard interval for that service.

The expedite charge is applied for each telephone number being expedited

Residence

35 20

**Business** 

35 20

#### 2 4 2 Preferential/Vanity Numbers

Residence \$42.33

**Business \$84 45** 

#### 2.4.3 Concurrence Charge

The CLEC is responsible to create subscription versions in the SOA prior to the 18-hour window. In the event that the CLEC does not create the subscription version(s) within the prescribed time frame, the CLEC is responsible to notify the Citizens during regular business hours of the need to concur. Failure to do so may result in a delayed porting. A concurrence charge will apply

Residence

\$11 02

Business

\$17 83

<sup>\*</sup>In Rochester Additional Labor Charges also apply if the work is done after hours or on the weekend These rates are in the Wholesale Tariff



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#### 1.0 PURPOSE

In the unlikely event of a disaster occurring that affects Citizen Communications long-term ability to deliver traffic to a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC), general procedures have been developed to hasten the recovery process. Since each location is different and could be affected by an assortment of potential problems a detailed recovery plan is impractical. However, in the process of reviewing recovery activities for specific locations, some basic procedures emerge that appear to be common in most cases

These general procedures should apply to any disaster that affects the delivery of traffic for an extended time period Each CLEC will be given the same consideration during an outage and service will be restored as quickly as possible.

This document will cover the basic recovery procedures that would apply to every CLEC.

#### 2.0 SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT

When a problem is experienced, regardless of the severity, the Citizens Communications Network Operations Center (NOC) will observe traffic anomalies and begin monitoring the situation. Controls will be appropriately applied to insure the sanity of Citizens Communications' network, and, in the event that a switch or facility node is lost, the NOC will attempt to circumvent the failure using available reroutes.

Citizens Communications NOC will remain in control of the restoration efforts until the problem has been identified as being a long-term outage. At that time, the NOC will contact Citizens Communications Restoration Control Center (RCC) and relinquish control of the recovery efforts. Even though the RCC may take charge of the situation, the NOC will continue to monitor the circumstances and restore traffic as soon as damaged network elements are revitalized.

The telephone number for the Citizens Communications Network Operations Center is 800-722-0288

#### 3.0 IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEM

During the early stages of problem detection, the NOC will be able to tell which CLECs are affected by the catastrophe. Further analysis and/or first hand observation will determine if the disaster has affected CLEC equipment only, Citizens Communication equipment only, or a combination. The initial restoration activity will be largely determined by the equipment that is affected.

Once the nature of the disaster is determined and after verifying the cause of the problem, the NOC will initiate reroutes and/or transfers that are jointly agreed upon by the affected CLEC's Network Management Center and the Citizens Communications NOC. The type and percentage of controls used will depend upon available network capacity. Controls necessary to stabilize the situation will be invoked and the NOC will attempt to re-establish as much traffic as possible

For long term outages, recovery efforts will be coordinated by the Restoration Control Center (RCC) Traffic controls will continue to be applied by the NOC until facilities are re-established.

As equipment is made available for service, the RCC will instruct the NOC to begin removing the controls and allow traffic to resume



#### 3.1 SITE CONTROL

In the total loss of building use scenario, what likely exists will be a smoking pile of rubble. This rubble will contain many components that could be dangerous. It could also contain any personnel on the premises at the time of the disaster. For these reasons, the local fire marshal with the assistance of the police will control the site until the building is no longer a threat to surrounding properties and the companies have secured the site from the general public.

During this time, the majority owner of the building should be arranging for a demolition contractor to mobilize to the site with the primary objective of reaching the cable entrance facility for a damage assessment. The results of this assessment would then dictate immediate plans for restoration, both short term and permanent

In a less catastrophic event, i.e., the building is still standing and the cable entrance facility is usable, the situation is more complex. Local authorities will initially control the site until the threat to adjacent property has diminished. Once the site is returned to the control of the companies, the following events should occur

An initial assessment of the main building infrastructure systems (mechanical, electrical, fire & life safety, elevators, and others) will establish building needs. Once these needs are determined, the majority owner should lead the building restoration efforts. There may be situations where the site will not be totally restored within the confines of the building. The companies must individually determine their needs and jointly assess the cost of permanent restoration to determine the overall plan of action.

Multiple restoration trailers from each company will result in the need for designated space and installation order. This layout and control is required to maximize the amount of restoration equipment that can be placed at the site, and the priority of placements.

Care must be taken in this planning to insure other restoration efforts have logistical access to the building. Major components of telephone and building equipment will need to be removed and replaced. A priority for this equipment must also be jointly established to facilitate overall site restoration (Example: If the AC power system has sustained damage, this would be of the highest priority in order to regain power, lighting, and HVAC throughout the building.)

If the site will not accommodate the required restoration equipment, the companies would then need to quickly arrange with local authorities for street closures, rights of way or other possible options available.

#### 3.2 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

In the worse case scenario, many environmental concerns must be addressed. Along with the police and fire marshal, the state environmental protection department will be on site to monitor the situation.

Items to be concerned with in a large central office building could include



- 1. Emergency engine fuel supply. Damage to the standby equipment and the fuel handling equipment could have created "spill" conditions that have to be handled within state and federal regulations.
- 2. Asbestos containing materials that may be spread throughout the wreckage. Asbestos could be in many components of building, electrical, mechanical, outside plant distribution, and telephone systems
- 3 Lead and acid These materials could be present in potentially large quantities depending upon the extent of drainage to the power room.
- 4. Mercury and other regulated compounds resident in telephone equipment.
- 5. Other compounds produced by the fire or heat.

Once a total loss event occurs at a large site, local authorities will control immediate clean up (water placed on the wreckage by the fire department) and site access.

At some point, the companies will become involved with local authorities in the overall planning associated with site clean up and restoration. Depending on the clean up approach taken, delays in the restoration of several hours to several days may occur

In a less severe disaster, items listed above are more defined and can be addressed individually depending on the damage.

In each case, the majority owner should coordinate building and environmental restoration and well as maintain proper planning and site control

#### 4.0 RESTORATION CONTROL CENTER (RCC)

The Restoration Control Center will be activated in the event of a disaster. The RCC is chaired by the VP / GM Tennessee. It is the VP / GMs responsibility to declare the activation of the RCC and classification of the outage

In the event of a major service interruption, the VP / GM Tennessee will notify the RCC staff which will establish a conference bridge to be used for the communication link for the emergency restoral

The RCC staff will assess the service outage or natural disaster and direct the appropriate staff functional task force groups to provide the necessary personnel and supplies based on review of outage reports, nature of outage and restoral estimate times

The RCC will continuously monitor the progress and needs of functional work groups which will in turn issue information to the various state and local government agencies as to the status of restoring service.

The Tennessee RCC includes the following departments and is supported by the functional staff as indicated below:



- 1. Field Operations
- 2. Network Operations Center (NOC)
- 3. Engineering (Outside Plant)
- 4. Administration Support / Customer Contact
- 5. Public and External Affairs

The RCC is supported by the functional staff from the following departments

- 1. Human Resources
- 2. Supply
- 3. Security
- 4 Building / Vehicles / Energy
- 5. Planning
- 6 External / Public Affairs
- 7 Engineering OSP
- 8. Finance
- 9. Field Operations Supervisors
- 10. Sales / Business Services

Annually, the RCC will meet to review the Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee Emergency Program to ensure its functionally is in accordance with current Citizens Policies and Practices

Each member of the RCC will have a Citizens Communications call out manual for the state and their area of responsibility that will contain the following.

- 1. Names and telephone numbers of their support personnel
- 2. Names of contacts for materials.
- 3 List of emergency equipment locations such as generators.
- 4 Any specialized information needed for them to perform their mission.

#### 5.0 RECOVERY PROCEDURES

The nature and security of any disaster will influence the recovery procedures. One crucial factor in determining how Citizens Communications will proceed with restoration is whether or not Citizens Communications' equipment is incapacitated. Regardless of whose equipment is out of service, Citizens Communications will move as quickly as possible to aid with service recovery, however, the approach that will be taken may differ depending upon the location of the problem.

#### 5.1 CLEC OUTAGE

For a problem limited to One CLEC (or a building with multiple CLECs), Citizens Communications has several options available for restoring service quickly. For those CLECs that have agreements with other CLECs, Citizens Communications can immediately start directing traffic to a provisional CLEC for completion. This alternative is dependent upon Citizens Communications having concurrence from the affected CLECs.



Whether or not the affected CLECs have requested a traffic transfer to another CLEC will not impact Citizens Communications' resolve to re-establish traffic to the original destination as quickly as possible.

#### 5.2 CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS OUTAGE

Because Citizens Communications' equipment has varying degrees of impact on the service provided to the CLECs, restoring service from damaged Citizens Communications equipment is different. The outage will probably impact a number of Carriers simultaneously. However, the RCC will be able to initiate immediate actions to correct the problem.

A disaster involving any of Citizens Communications' equipment locations could impact the CLECs, some more than others A disaster at a Central Office (CO) would only impact the delivery of traffic to and from that one location, but the incident could affect many Carriers. If the Central Office is a Serving Wire Center (SWC), then traffic from the entire area to those Carriers served from that switch would also be impacted. If the switch functions as an Access Tandem, or there is a tandem in the building, traffic from every CO to every CLEC could be interrupted. A disaster that destroys a facility hub could disrupt various traffic flows, even though the switching equipment may be unaffected

The NOC would be the first group to observe a problem involving Citizens Communications' equipment. Shortly after a disaster, the NOC will begin applying controls and finding re-routes for the completion of as much traffic as possible. These reroutes may involve delivering traffic to alternate Carriers upon receiving approval from the CLECs involved. In some cases, changes in translations will be required. If the outage is caused by the destruction of equipment, then the RCC will assume control of the restoration

#### 5.2.1 Loss of a Central Office

When Citizens Communications loses a Central Office, the RCC will

- a) Place specialists and emergency equipment on notice.
- b) Inventory the damage to determine what equipment and /or functions are lost;
- c) Move containerized emergency equipment and facility equipment to the stricken area, if necessary,
- d) Begin reconnecting service for Hospitals, Police, and other emergency agencies, and
- e) Begin restoring service to CLECs and other customers.

#### 5.2.2 Loss of a Central Office with Serving Wire Center Functions

The loss of a Central Office that also serves as a Serving Wire Center (SWC) will be restored as described in section 5.2.1.

#### 5.2.3 Loss of a Central Office with Tandem Functions

When Citizens Communications loses a Central Office building that serves as an Access Tandem and as a SWC, the RCC will



- a) Place specialists and emergency equipment on notice,
- b) Inventory the damage to determine what equipment and/or functions are lost;
- c) Move containerized emergency equipment and facility equipment to the stricken area, if necessary,
- d) Begin reconnecting service for Hospitals, Police, and other emergency agencies,
- e) Re-direct as much traffic as possible to the alternate access tandem (if available) for delivery to those CLECs utilizing a different location as a SWC;
- f) Begin aggregating traffic to a location near the damaged building. From this location, begin reestablishing trunk groups to the CLECs for the delivery of traffic normally found on the direct trunk groups (This aggregation point may he the alternate access tandem location or another CO on a primary facility route.)
- g) Begin restoring service to CLECs and other customers

#### 5.2.4 Loss of a Facility Hub

In the event that Citizens Communications loses a facility hub, the recovery process is much the same as above. Once the NOC has observed the problem and administered the appropriate controls, the RCC will assume authority for the repairs. The recovery effort will include

- a) Placing specialists and emergency equipment on notice;
- b) Inventorying the damage to determine what equipment and/or functions are lost;
- c) Moving containerized emergency equipment to the stricken area, if necessary,
- d) Reconnecting service for Hospitals, Police and other emergency agencies; and
- e) Restoring service to CLEC, and other customers. If necessary, Citizens Communications will aggregate the traffic at another location and build temporary facilities, when available This alternative would be viable for a location that is destroyed and building repairs are required.

#### 5.3 COMBINED OUTAGE (CLEC AND CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS' EQUIPMENT)

In some instances, a disaster may impact Citizens Communications' equipment as well as the CLECs' This situation will be handled in much the same way as described in section 5.2 3. Since Citizen Communications and the CLECs will be utilizing temporary equipment, close coordination will be required

#### 6.0 T1 IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES

During the restoration of service after a disaster, Citizens Communications may be forced to aggregate traffic for delivery to a CLEC. During this process, T1 traffic may be consolidated onto DS3s and may become unidentifiable to the Carrier. Because resources will be limited, Citizens Communications may be forced to "package" this traffic entirely differently then normally received by the CLECs. Therefore, a method for identifying the T1 traffic on the DS3s and



providing the information to the Carriers is required.

#### 7.0 ACRONYMS

CO Central Office (Citizens Communications)
DS3 Facility that carries 28 T1s (672 Circuits)

CLEC Competitive Local Exchange Carrier

NOC Network Operations Center

RCC Restoration Control Center

SWC Serving Wire Center (Citizens Communications switch)

T1 Facility that carries 24 circuits

#### 8.0 HURRICANE INFORMATION

During a hurricane. Citizens Communications will make every effort to keep CLECs updated on the status of our network. Information centers will be set up throughout Citizens Communications. These centers are not intended to be used for escalations, but rather to keep the CLEC informed or network related issues, area damages, and dispatch conditions, etc.

#### 9.0 CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Citizens Communications maintenance centers have geographical and redundant communication capabilities. In the event of a disaster removing any maintenance center from service another geographical center would assume maintenance responsibilities. The contact numbers will not change and the transfer will be transparent to the CLEC.